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**PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Hiroiyuki TERATANI, et al.

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Group Art Unit: 1733

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Examiner: Justin R. Fischer

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For: PNEUMATIC TIRE

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2004, Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, the invention identified by the Examiner as Species B and sub-species 2, upon which at least claims 3-21 and 30-38 are readable. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) directed to the non-elected embodiments in due course.

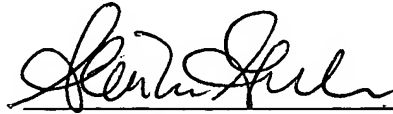
An examination on the elected species and sub-species is earnestly solicited.

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